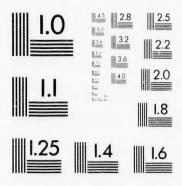
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" SOUND ARGUMENT, DICTATED BY COMMON SENSE."

TOGETHER WITH

CURSORY OBSERVATIONS

ON THE

" AGE OF CREDULITY."

By Mathaniel Braffey Halbed, M. P.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

AN ORIGINAL LETTER FROM

MR. BROTHERS,

TO PHILIP STEPHENS, ESQ. WITH HIS ANSWER.

A PAPER IS SUBJOINED,

POINTING OUT THOSE PARTS OF

MR. BROTHERS'S PROPHECIES
THAT HAVE BEEN ALREADY FULFILLED.

" EYES HAVE YE AND SEE NOT."

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THOUGH there has been no age of the Church in which the Millennium was not admitted by individual divines of the first eminence, it is yet evident, from the writings of Eusebius, Irenæus, Origen, and others among the ancients, as well as from the histories of Dupin, Mosheim, and all the moderns, that it was never adopted by the whole church, or made an article of the established creed in any nation.

About the middle of the fourth century the Millenarians held the following tenets:

1st. That the city of Jerusalem should be rebuilt, and that the land of Judea should B be

be the habitation of those who are to reign on earth one thousand years.

2d. That the first refurrection was not to be confined to the martyrs, but that after the fall of Antichrist all the just were to rise, and all that were on the earth were to continue for that space of time.

3d. That Christ shall then come down from Heaven, and be seen on earth, and reign there with his servants.

4th. That the faints, during this period, fhall enjoy all the delights of a terrestrial paradife.

These opinions were founded upon several passages of Scripture, which the Millenarians, among the fathers, understood in no other than a literal sense; but which the moderns, who hold that opinion, consider as partly literal and partly metaphorical. Of these passages, that upon which the greatest stress

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This paffage all the ancient Millenarians took in a fense grossly literal, and taught, that during the Millennium, the faints on earth were to enjoy every bodily delight. The moderns, on the other hand, confider the power and pleasure of this kingdom as wholly spiritual, and they represent them as not to commence till after the conflagration of the present earth. But that this last supposition is a mistake the very next verse but one evinces; for it is there faid, that " when the thousand years are expired Satan fhall be loofed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth;" and there is no reason to believe that he will have such power or fuch liberty in "the new heavens and the new earth, wherein dwelleth righteoufnefs."

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MR. Brothers has taken much pains to adjust and ascertain the Bible chronology. He gives it in detail at the opening of his first book, and alludes to it in several parts of the second, as holding out to men an evident proof that the time for the completion of ancient prophecies, and the recorded period for the execution of God's Judgments, is really arrived. But the connection between the age of the world, viz. 5913 years, in A. D. 1794, and this predetermined resolution

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lution of the Almighty, is by no means apparent at first fight, or to a cursory observer. Something more is certainly necessary to develope the mystery, and the following is an attempt to elucidate it by computation.

Allusions to the Millennium are to be found in all parts of Scripture; and the doctrine generally received is, that the Mofaic account of the creation of the world is a prophetical type of its duration: taking (according to St. Peter, 2d Eph. chap. iii. ver. 8.) one thousand years for one day. So that we are to understand the world to have been destined to last 6000 years under the yoke of labour and tribulation, (metaphorically fignified by the labours of God in the fix days of creation) and one thousand years under that dispensation which is typisied by God's resting on the Sabbath-day, and which is called Christ's Kingdom, or the Kingdom of Heaven, or the dominion of the Saints &c. &c. when it is expressly faid, that the Saints should enter into the rest of God, and e con-

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Now, i're suppose the 5913 years, abovementioned by Mr. Brothers, to be common years of folar time, we find 87 years still wanting to arrive at the close of the fix fymbolical days of labour, and confequently we are too remote from the period of the Millennium to have any thing either to hope or fear personally from its approach. But if we advert to that mode of calculation univerfally adopted, both by Daniel and St. John in their prophecies: where not only a day is taken for a year, but a month invariably made to contain 30 fuch days, and 42 months to comprehend 1260 fuch days, and these 1260 days to form exactly 3 years and a half, and therefore every fuch year to confift of 360 fuch days. We may very well adopt this method of computation in our endeavours to explain any prophetical chronology, and may very fairly call those Divine years, by which.

which, as Mr. Brothers expresses, it " God fulfils his recorded judgments." Nowadmitting the common folar year to confift of 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes 54 \(\frac{3}{4}\) feconds, and multiplying 5913 years into quarters of feconds, we shall find, on dividing this quotient by 360, a produce amounting to 5999 such divine years and a fraction; which fraction, deducted from the fum total of one year, leaves a deficiency, at the end of the year of our Lord 1794, equal to 322 days 6 hours 40 minutes 23 4 feconds, being fo much wanting, at the opening of the present year, to the full completion of 6000 divine or prophetical years: and shewing that the Millennium will commence, on the 19th of November next, at or about fun-rife, in the latitude of Jerusalem.

If this calculation be true, it follows that the time during which "the Saints shall live "and reign with Christ," which according to St. John, in Rev. chap. xx. ver. 4, is one thousand years, must be in fact 360,000 years.

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years. So that the Millennium will bear the fame analogical proportion to the previous duration of the world as that very previous duration itself holds to the fix original days of the creation.

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Pall Mall, March 22, 1795.

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" SOUND ARGUMENT, DICTATED BY COMMON SENSE."

I HAVE endeavoured to peruse, without prejudice, every thing that has been written in answer to, or rather against my book: and if I had in any of the publications met with a single paragraph worthy of an answer, it should have been answered. The self-sufficient and abusive Dr. Horne of Oxford, has not one word of truth, or argument, or common sense, in his whole pamphlet; nor would it have misbecome a Doctor of Divinity who, by his own pen, consesses he can neither

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neither understand Greek, nor read the Gospel in English—to have endeavoured at least to give his jargon something, if possible, of the Gentleman. That he does not under-

stand Greek, is clear from his doubting whether the Holy Ghost appeared in shape of a HLET, dove, when St. Luke expressly fays, outner. 100 ειδει ωσει περιςεραν: and that he cannot read, or has not read, even the first chapter of St. ATED BY Matthew, must be evident to those who perceive him denying that Christ had Brothers; and who shall, at the same time, have obferved that the Evangelist, writing after ise, without Christ's death and refurrection, calls him, in een written the last verse of his first chapter, his mother's book: and first-born fon, ergo, she must have had a second at least. If the old miserable exposition of is met with Daniel's four beafts, which I knew before he n answer, it he felf-fuffitook up his pen about as well as Dr. Horne, Oxford, has can by any reasonable person (after mature deliberation) be deemed better than that furgument, or nished by Mr. Brothers,—be it fo-opinion iphlet; nor is free-but I decline being of the party. tor of Divieffes he can And as for the phrase of felling my foul, neither C_2

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which feems to have given fuch alarm, and furnished so much matter for false wit, I now think that every man who enters into Parliament with any personal view whatever, and not wholly and exclusively for the service of his country, must be deemed bona side to have fold his soul—let him be of what party he will; and also that every man who joins any party to vote on all occasions for the purpose of promoting or supporting that party at all events, is perpetually guilty of the same act of selling his soul. I deny having ever fold my soul in any other manner than this:—and if any one think or say otherwise, on him be the onus probandi.

I take this opportunity of renewing my expressions of perfect conviction in the prophesies and mission of Mr. Brothers, and my increasing reliance (founded on *hourly* experience) on the completion of every one of his predictions.

NATHANIEL BRASSEY HALHED.

Pall Mall, March 11, 1795.

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CURSORY REMARKS

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" THE AGE OF CREDULITY."

THE anonymous Author of a pamphlet, intituled, "The Age of Credulity," was fo obliging as to fend the book yesterday to me; with an opinion, I presume, that I should find its arguments incontrovertible, and the positions I have assumed in my own publication totally untenable. I should be forry to interrupt the gentleman's triumph by any unseasonable severity, and I am utterly averse to all argument for argument's sake.

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I fhall, therefore, only beg him to take in good part the few hints which I here halfily throw out for his confideration.

If he had turned to Crain's Concordance, article "Wing," he would have found (4th fignification) "it is put for the fails of a fhip." Ifaiah xviii. 1. "We to the land shadowing with wings; meaning Egypt, which abounded with ships, "whose fails were like wings that shadow the fea."

So much for his pithy objection in the 15th page. The grand cheval de battaille of all my doughty opponents has been Daniel's vision, as explained by certain former clear-fighted expositors, to mean four successive monarchies; viz. the Babylonian, Mede-Persian, Grecian, and Roman.—I have been so battered and annoyed with this ridiculous phantom, that I shall here demolish it altogether, at once, for the peace of the public, as well as my own.

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Daniel faw this vision after Nebuchadnezzer was dead, as is evident from the first verse of the seventh chapter. After this, what does my anonymous author think of the fup ofition mentioned in his 14th page? The four beafts meant monarchs, and not monarchies. See the 12th verse. " As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a feafon and time." The life of a dominion I can conceive to be a poetical phrase, and admit its propriety; but to take away the dominion from a dominion, and yet prolong the life of that dominion, is too much even for me, with all my credulity, to comprehend.

Daniel faw this vision in the first year of the reign of Belshazzar, the very last king of Babylon, who lost his life at the same moment with his dominion, and therefore his life certainly was not prolonged for a feafon, nor a time. And in the 17th verse of this same seventh chapter, the angel tells Daniel,

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"These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth."-fhall arife-in the future tenfe; not, ne of whom is already rifen,-and kings, n' miloms. From this verse nothing can be more undubitable, than that the king or kingdom of Babylon is totally out of the question; and therefore the other three monarchies, in the common interpretation, all necessarily fall to the ground, as resting on this base. I hope I shall never hear them mentioned again. My author hampers himfelf again in his 21st page, on the fimilitude and diffimilitude between the fourth beast of Daniel and the eagle of Esdras. If he will cavil at nothing, or every thing, let him. But if he chose to read and think ingenuoufly for himfelf, he might find, that Daniel omits, in his fourth beaft, as in the other three, to make any mention of the rife or fplendour, or even existence of monarchies: His beafts are meer perfonages, and his fourth the Emperor of Germany; fubflitute for, and flanding avowedly and oftentatioufly

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bufly in the place of the ancient emperors of Rome. Eidras delineates the monarchy or kingdom itself, of which he expressly fays, in the 12th chapter and 12th verse of the fecond book, that the Lord told him this kingdom " was not expounded unto his brother Daniel, and therefore it was now explained to him. Efdras faw the whole hiftory in detail, and even what would come to pass after the death of the present Emperor of Germany, the present Pope, and present King of Prussia, the three heads of his eagle; whereas Daniel only beheld the prefent Emperor and electors of the Germanic body, without a glimple of the Antichrist or of the Pope.

By the fale of fouls, pages 24 and 25, (for I am not writing a regular answer to a pamphlet, which is too infignificant to deserve one; but hasfily running over a sew of its capital errors) is meant a conscious sale of an article known to be in one's own possession. Those who purchase pardons and indulgences

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Of Mr. Brothers's prefumption, ignorance, and artifice, of which he is accused in the 27th, and subsequent pages, I shall take no notice: my author may compare his own pamphlet with the few remarks I have here thrown together, and sit in judgment on himself, on the same articles.

But I shall boldly, and authoritatively, retort the charges of falsehood, in every one of the particulars by him enumerated, pages 33 and 34.

The first is, "the defeat of the Emperor's army in the Netherlands." It is feandalous to term a prediction false, because it is not yet fulfilled. I say also, the Emperor's army will be defeated in the Netherlands: and if there were no other predisposing cause for this defeat, an attempt to raise the siege of Luxembourg, now seriously invested, would suffice

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Secondly, The Dutch have acknowledged the French Republic, and are making a hasty peace with it. Mr. Brothers never faid it would happen without a conquest, or that they would treat on equal terms. For the completion of his prophecy, it is enough that they should have acted as they are acting.

Mr. Brothers never faid, our army would be disbanded and sent home, by the twenty-fifth of March: our author, therefore, should not have incurred the risk of the retort discourteous, until our army was out of the possibility of being so treated at all. Nor did he ever affert that the Duke of York would be detained: he expressly says "the general" of the English forces. That is now Count Walmoden: to-morrow it may be somebody else; but to do away all chance of verifica-

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tion, the army fhould be proved to have no general at all.

In these three little articles, wherein our anonymous author has attempted to fix an imputation of falsehood on Mr. Brothers, he has convicted himself of "presumption,—ignorance—artisice—and falsehood;" and here I leave him.

NATHANIEL BRASSEY HALHED.

Pall Mall, - March 25, 1795.

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That Mr. BROTHERS in the year 1790 possessed (and it is thought by many that his faculties at present are as perfect as ever) the powers of reasoning correctly logical, and of expressing his thoughts in an easy and elegant diction, the sollowing letter will unequivocally evince.

THURSDAY, Sept. 9, 1790.

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PHILIP STEPHENS, Esq. Admiralty Office.

SIR,

TO avoid the imputation of appearing troublesome, I waited a considerable time after the half-pay was advertised, that a very just application, tho' I believe unprecedented, should

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should not displease the Admiralty. Government is in my debt to a much greater amount than twelve months; and altho' I have not enjoyed any emolument, perquisite, or profit, from any business or employment whatever, the only reason advanced for detaining my property, is the want of being qualified every six months, by swearing the contents of a certificate as the result of my own pleasure and inclination, when an order of council commands me, and absolutely prohibits the payment until I do.

A voluntary act is an avowed freedom of choice, and under that denomination cannot, to fwear justly, admit the influence of a compulsory order; but I am not allowed any choice, swear I must, and swear the oath I take is not enforced by order, compulsion, or necessity, but a voluntary act of my own, received with equal freedom as the air I breathe; and as an indemnisication for imposfing an improper oath, I am obliged by the same rule to leave my signature duly attested

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by a magistrate as a record, certainly not of superior wisdom. To swear, then, agreeably to the prescribed form laid down by the privy council, is obvious to the plainest capacity a surreptitious oath, concealing its deformity under that mild appellation: for I hope no man is so far lost to all sense of virtue, as to prefer taking an idle oath of this kind, or any other description, when permitted an option, by the very word voluntarily, to decline it.

Instructed from my insancy to guard against falsehood, as the most poisonous evil that can possibly invade the human mind, and to court truth as the most beautiful of all moral virtues, I view an oath as the most awful and solemn appeal which a man can possibly make: the present judges say it should be administered with caution, and never repeated except when pressing necessity requires! for this reason, an oath before them is a public bond of true evidence; tear away the solemnity by habitual practise, the facred

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It was the language of Mr. Pitt, in the House of Commons, (I ask pardon for the introduction of his name) when a clause was offered for a certain bill late in the last session, recommending an annual oath, or thereabouts, as necessary for the better payment of that part of the revenue it went to describe, his answer was, such a multiplication of oaths tended to destroy every public principle, promote fraud and perjury, more than any immediate benefit to the Exchequer could possibly compensate to society. I lament, sentiments equally discerning and honourable do not adorn the heart of every than.

Having ferved under three commanders, not lefs amiable in private life than eminently confpicuous on the lift of professional merit, their parental precepts, their example of recitiude

rectitude and manners, remain still as an every admonishing lesson of advice never to be minon departed from. To drink from a foul stream, in preference to a clear fountain, for no other reason than a multitude being conin the flantly led by official perfuafion to do fo, or the without once deigning to examine the conife was taminated refource it flowed from, or, as a aft fefgentleman in the commission of the peace thereobserved to me with evident marks of disiyment pleasure, what business have you to object to deagainst it, when others do it? would be ication treating every faculty with ingratitude, and c prinmanifest an open indifference for the good re than of knowledge. hequer

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I can pass by the oath; it is frequently done; the terms are low, safe, and practicably easy; for it is inconsistent with common sense to take a voluntary oath as an act of necessity; it is a bad doctrine that goes to obliterate the terror of iniquity by habitual repetition, and actually libels the propriety of justice; but to be forced in any manner,

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and fwear to the contrary! or if the fraud was discovered, I believe it would torture the invention of the most learned disquisitor to frame a prosecution for counterfeiting a forced, unjust, nominal, voluntary oath. To me, the evasion would be dishonourable, and amount to a crime of equal magnitude as embracing the evil I complain of.

Profane swearing, or any other description of idle oaths, as a paliport to receive those wages the law, reason, and equity, does not allow the detention of, under any pretence, in the most uncivilized countries, is forcing a man privately by the most cruel of all tortures, to the commission of iniquity, without being able to advance even a plaufible reason in its desence; for I observe, it is not for the prevention of fraud to the revenue, or 'n prevent that kind of emolument in future, which it goes back to discover, neither is it to prohibit an officer from wandering abroad, when liable to be called for at home, but for a purpose which may be guessed at-delicary will not allow me to mention.

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At any rate, as men of more liberal and independent characters now fill the departments of State, than at the period which gave birth to this curious order, the intention it was introduced for is now done away, confequently a continuance of it is entirely unnecessary: notwithstanding the remote period of its formation, those who advised it, were in fome degree fensible that a public oath could not be imposed on any part of the community beyond the walls of the council chamber, unless specifically introduced and authorifed by act of Parliament, or fo great a people would never attempt to conceal the imbecillity of a measure, and fritter away their own power, by retiring behind the fpecious form of 'this deponent voluntarily makes oath,' when an abfolute order was in force to carry it into execution, or stop the payment of wages until it was obeyed.

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against the disgrace of swearing improperly, and that the enormity would revert on those who imposed it, such language is beneath any man that had understanding to perceive, tho' not fortitude to oppose; clothed with the benign hand of providence with health and strength, necessity shall never compel me to look for it by any way dishonourable to myself, or repugnant to the nicest laws of equity.

If it is true virtue animates the hero, and emulation is meritorious in the youth, if vice is ugly, and falfehood a deformity; as a fenator, and a man of fenfe, the good of the Navy, the benefit of your country, call on you to attempt the extirpation of a custom dishonourable to God, and reproachable to man.

I am, Sir, with great respect,
Your very humble servant,
R. BROTHERS.

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That he hath not received "the benefit of any public "employment, either at sea "or on shore, between the "1st of July, 1789, and the "31st of December, 1790.

(Signed) "A. B."

Sworn this day of

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O. P. Justice.

Admiralty Office, July 10, 1790.

SIR,

IN return to your three letters, dated 25th of May, 29th June, and the 8th inftant*, on the subject of the oath required to be taken for the payment of your half-pay, and requesting, for the reasons mentioned in your laid letters, to be relieved therefrom, I am commanded,

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^{* 21}st of April, 4th of May, omitted to acknowledge.

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commanded, by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to acquaint you that the order of council for establishing half-pay requires that oath be taken, and that their Lordships are not authorised to dispense with your not taking it.

I am, Sir,

Your very humble Servant,

PHILIP STEPHENS,

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The Job's, he Paper comes from a Gentleman: known for his strenuous supfact of Mr. Brothers' Principles, and who is particularly mentioned by the Prophet in his Books in the warmest Terms of Gratitude and Esteem.

THE Propheties and revealed knowledge communicated to the world by Richard Brothers, having generally attracted public notice, I think it my duty to flate fome of them as they have been already fulfilled, and let the world judge of them according to their own knowledge and belief. The truth of them ought to be carefully examined. That fuch a man will come there can be no doubt of, and is expressly mentioned, Jerem. xxviii. 9. "The Prophet which prophetieth of Peace; when the word of the prophet flull come to pass, then shall the

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the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly fent him."

Richard Brothers prophefieth of univerfal peace, that shortly will be restored to all kingdoms upon earth.

Book II. poge 21. Richard Brother's fays, "Are you William Pitt, to whom I wrote in May and June, 1792, informing you of the confequences of this war to your country, p. 13. when the war was not intended, and of the death of Louis the 16th, which was impossible to prevent, it was recorded and could not be avoided.

The war enfued. On the 21st of January, 1793, the king of France was beheaded. This prophecy has been fulfilled.

p. 13. By the fame example, if the French army was to be defeated, even equin and again, it should recover and conquer likewife.

fr.4: At the time of toy writing to the king of England, relative to the king of Ludia, I informed him, at I was commanded, of the certain failure of the combined armics of Pruffia and Auftria.

On the 1st October, 1792, the Duke of Brunwick retreated, aft r be had been expected a Pauli in two or three days, but a cremental, and been Leasen beyond any example in the annals of inflory; and to will now, I believe, affort that they can ever repenetrate France, and reflore monarchy.

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Page 17. The king of Pruffia will acknowledge the French republic, and also make peace with it.

18. Ruffia will alfo quarrel with the Poles, and devour great numbers of them; Warfaw will be fet on fire, and the government entirely changed.

The above has been too fully and too fatally fulfilled furely for any one to deny. Pruffia was not able to conquer the Poles, but Rollia, the deftined power, foon conquered them.

19. The Spanish moves by will cease by this war, and the stadtholdership of Holland will

It is reported he has already made peace; if he has not, in all probability he foon will.

In the Leyden Gazette, Dec. 26, 1794, it fays, in the accounts from Warfaw, "That the attack began at five o'clock in the morning; at nine the enemy was in possession of the place. Five thousand Poles were flain in the affault, the remaining 5000 were taken prisoners or dispersed. After this was over, and every thing appeared to be quiet, ten hours alier all refistance had ceafed, about nine o'clock at night, they fet fire to the town, and began to butcher the inhabitants. The fick and wounded ; criffied in the flames; the reft, old men, women, and children, fell by the fword. Ninethonian'; ion of every age and of both fexes, are compercel to have failen in the maff ere, and the whole of the tideal, congressive feattered was reduced to afhes.

Holland is entirely conquered, and the Sainthoider is new in this country.

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be cut off close to the ground, according to the visions of God to me in 1792, and which I communicated at that time, by his facred commands, to the King and Queen of England.

On the 27th of June, 1792, I wrote to the French ambaffador, then in London, by command of the Lord God, acquainting him with the future loss of the French islands, and likewife the fall of the English.

The French iflands have been conquered by the English, according to the former part of this prophecy. The latter part remains to be fulfilled.

Page 70. After this I was in a vision in the month of January, 1792, and was carried away by the Spirit of God to Sweden, &c. The King of Sweden is delivered over for death, and that is the very man that will shoot him.

The King of Sweden was floot at a mafquerade, March 10, and died March 29, 1792.

71. And when you write hereafter of other things in this country you will be called an impostor, a fool, and a liar.

When I fee this it will make me angry; I'll then begin to kill the people, and I shall furely destroy this city. Richard Brothers was taken up by government March 4, 1795; that he has been reckoned an impostor by many the world itself must allow.

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Page 92. Oct. 26, 1794, the Lord God commands me to fay to you, William Bryan, that you are appointed and will be commanded by him, to teffify publicly to the world who I now am, and what my future defignation is. The Lord God will influence and command numbers of his people, both men and women, to give the fame public teftimonies.

Mr. Halhed published his testimony Jan. 29, 1795.

Mr. Bryan published his telatinony Feb. 10, 1795; wherein he acknowledges that he was compelled by the Spirit to write, being against his natural will. Several others have published and are publishing their testimonics. Many also have given their testimonies by letter. John Wright published his testimony Aug. 1, 1794.

102. Oct. 26, 1794. He informed the English government, judges, &c. that the prifoners now in confinement, and on trial for their lives, &c. are innocent.

The prifoners were all tried and acquitted.

These things having been already sulfilled, ought to be a caution to every body how they deny Revelation and Prophecy, and it behoves every person to examine into the revealed prophecies very carefully, and judge impartially. Acts v. 39. "But if these things be of God, ye cannot overthrow them."

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Richard Brothers flands in the Court Calender as a naval officer, Jan. 3, 1783.-Surely then his character and behaviour during his continuance in the navy are very eafily to be enquired by those that doubt his fanity. Because he quotes Scripture and believes in God, is too ridiculous, one would think, for any person to set him down either as an impostor or a madman. If he has not wrote those letters to government, as he afferts, then he is a false prophet, and the onus probandi lays with the ministers, &c. If those letters are established, I think his prophecies coming true, abfolutely prove him a true prophet. I have taken every flep to detect him in imposition or madness, but cannot in either.

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